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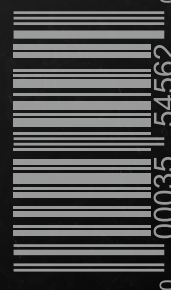
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## ***THE GOVERNOR'S MONTHLY LETTER:***

# **A COLLECTIVE CHRONICLE OF LEADERSHIP, IMPACT, AND SERVICE**

## **ROTARY DISTRICT 3800**

is proud to introduce the Governor's Monthly Letter—

a purposeful publication that serves as a compass for our district's ongoing journey of service, leadership, and community engagement. Designed to inform and inspire, this monthly feature will highlight key initiatives, strategic plans, and significant milestones across the district, while also sharing timely updates from Rotary International.

At the heart of the Governor's Monthly Letter is the District Governor's message—an insightful and forward-looking reflection that speaks to the values, challenges, and opportunities that define our work as Rotarians. It is through this platform that the Governor will communicate important matters that not only affect our clubs but also resonate with the communities we serve. Each issue will focus on themes that strengthen our shared mission and celebrate the diversity of service efforts within our district.

Beyond official updates, this publication aims to be a source of unity and encouragement. It will feature highlights of club projects, collaborative events, training activities, and inspirational stories that showcase how Rotarians live out our guiding principle: Service Above Self. By giving space to voices from across the district, we hope to foster deeper connection, shared learning, and mutual support.

The Governor's Monthly Letter is not just a record of what has been done—it is a call to action. A reminder that in every corner of District 3800, Rotarians are working tirelessly to make a difference, and that each effort, no matter the scale, contributes to a greater impact on people's lives.

With a heart for service and a vision for collective progress, this publication is a testament to the passion, purpose, and power of Rotary. Let it be your monthly companion as we continue building a stronger, more compassionate future—together.

WHO WE ARE, WHAT WE DO

# OUR MISSION

To inspire, inform, and connect our community through insightful stories, thoughtful leadership, and a shared commitment to progress, cultivating a sense of unity and empowerment for all.

WHAT WE ASPIRE TO BE

# OUR VISION

To inform, inspire, and unite Rotarians across the district by showcasing meaningful stories, impactful projects, and shared achievements. Through purposeful communication, the Governor's Monthly Letter strengthens connections, promotes Rotary values, and drives collective action toward lasting change.



# Editor's letter

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**Dear Fellow Rotarians and Future Project Partners,**

A new Rotary Year begins—bringing with it fresh energy, renewed purpose, and the spirit to **Unite for Good**. With humility and excitement, I step into the role of Editor-in-Chief of the GML.

I am grateful to follow the outstanding leadership of PP Prisco Rivera and the previous GML Committee. What they've built is a solid, well-structured publication that I now have the honor—and challenge—of continuing. It's both a pressure and a pleasure to carry on such a legacy.

This special kick-off edition is a tribute to the intense preparation of our **District Governor Gina T. Sanchez and her core team**. From detailed planning to rigorous trainings, their readiness to serve is unquestionable. They are united, determined, and driven.

As we begin this chapter together, may these pages reflect the goodness, purpose, and impact of Rotary District 3800.

**Here's to a purposeful year ahead. G!NA!**

Capturing your goodness in GML pages,

**PP Dee B. Antang**  
Editor-in-Chief, GML, RY 2025-2026



**2025-26 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT**

# FRANCESCO AREZZO

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Francesco Arezzo, a member of the Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy, has been selected by the Board of Directors to become Rotary International's president for 2025-26. Arezzo will become president on 1 July.

The Board conducted a special session following the unexpected resignation of RI President-elect Mário César Martins de Camargo on 8 June. Guided by the RI code and policies, the Board selected the new president-elect from a pool of candidates who were considered by the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in August 2023.

The 2025-26 presidential message, announced at the 2025 Rotary International Assembly in February, will remain Unite for Good, which calls on Rotary members to be a force for unity in a world increasingly divided by politics, geography, and ideology. Through service projects, Rotary brings together people of every background — across races, religions, and professions — in a shared mission to do good in their communities.

Arezzo is an orthodontist in private practice. He is active internationally as a member of the Italian, European, and American orthodontics associations. He is vice president of the National Association of Italian Dentists for the province of Ragusa and was the founder and head for seven years of the delegation for Ragusa of the National Trust for Italy. He is a Knight of Honor and Devotion in Obedience within the Sovereign Order of Malta.

A Rotary member for more than 30 years, Arezzo has served as vice chair of the Joint Strategic Planning Committee and as RI director, learning facilitator, and as district conference presidential representative.

Arezzo is a Major Donor and Benefactor of The Rotary Foundation. He is married to Anna Maria Criscione, an entrepreneur in the tourism field. They have two children.



# BELIEVE THERE IS GOOD IN THE WORLD

In a world often clouded by uncertainty, conflict, and division, the call to believe there is good in the world becomes more than just a hopeful message—it becomes a powerful movement. For Rotary International, this belief is not abstract. It is visible in every act of service, every project completed, and every life touched. And in Rotary Year 2025–2026, this message takes center stage under the global theme:

## ***Unite for Good.***

Believing in the good isn't about ignoring the challenges we face—it's about choosing to see the light and becoming part of it. It's recognizing that kindness still exists, that change is possible, and that when people come together with purpose, they can build a better future. For Rotarians, this belief is rooted in action.

Across the globe—and in every corner of Rotary District 3800—we see that belief turned into impact. It's present in volunteers rebuilding homes after a disaster. In Rotaractors mentoring the youth. In clubs distributing food, planting trees, funding scholarships, and advocating for peace. These aren't just good deeds; they are declarations of hope.

To unite for good means to come together not just in service, but in spirit. It's about bridging divides, lifting one another up, and amplifying the quiet but powerful force of compassion. It's about building communities that don't just survive but thrive—where the good isn't rare, it's routine.

This Rotary year invites each of us to not only believe in the good but be the good. Whether through a project, a partnership, or a simple act of kindness, every Rotarian has the power to spark change.

**AND WHEN WE UNITE,  
THAT CHANGE BECOMES UNSTOPPABLE.**

***UNITE  
FOR GOOD***



**GINA T. SANCHEZ**  
District Governor RY 2025-2026  
Rotary International District 3800

# THE SOUND OF SERVICE, THE WEIGHT OF LEADERSHIP

*Let the Bell Ring Us Together. Let the Gavel Lead Us Forward.*

As Rotary District 3800 opens the doors to Rotary Year 2025–2026 with the theme Unite for Good, two timeless symbols once again take their place at the heart of our tradition: the bell and the gavel. These are not just ceremonial objects—they are echoes of Rotary’s enduring values and reminders of the shared journey we commit to each year.

## **The Bell: Where Purpose Begins**

Far from being a simple call to order, the bell resounds with intention. It marks the start of something meaningful—a gathering of hearts and hands for service. Each ring awakens the shared mission that binds Rotarians: to show up, to step up, and to serve beyond ourselves. In a world often divided, the bell unites. In every chime is a call: not to merely convene, but to contribute.

## **The Gavel: Where Leadership Serves**

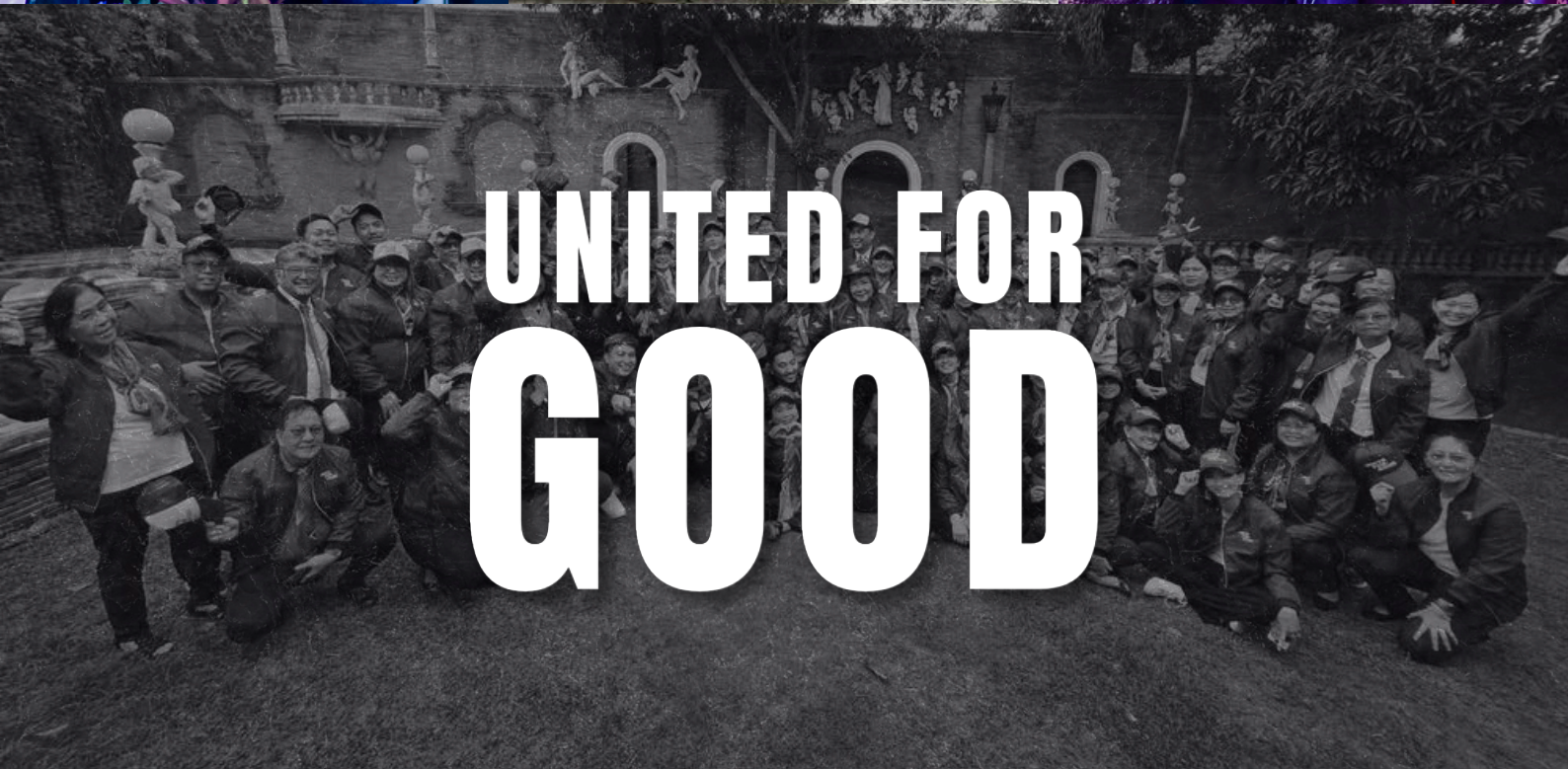
In the hands of the District Governor or Club President, the gavel represents authority grounded in service and humility. It does not command—it commits. It speaks not of control, but of conscience. It reminds us that leadership in Rotary is rooted in humility and action, not in position or prestige.

As new leaders take the helm this Rotary Year, the gavel becomes a pledge—a quiet promise to uphold trust, steward change, and spark collective impact.

## **Symbols That Speak Beyond Words**

Together, the bell and gavel form a rhythm: unity and responsibility, call and response. They are passed on, year after year, not as relics of the past but as beacons for the future.

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GOOD





# District Learning

May 3, 2025 | Saturday  
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**THE HEART BEHIND THE VISION:**

## DG GINA'S CORE TEAM OF THE EXECOM

Every great movement begins with a committed few—and in Rotary District 3800, the EXECOM stands as the District Governor's trusted core, a powerhouse team chosen with precision, purpose, and pride.

Handpicked by District Governor Gina T. Sanchez, this group of seasoned Rotarians did not rise to leadership by chance. Each member brings with them not only a wealth of Rotary experience, but a personal history deeply rooted in the organization's ideals. Many are second-generation Rotarians, raised by parents who lived out "Service Above Self" long before it became their own calling. For them, Rotary is not just a weekend commitment—it's family, legacy, and life's work.

They come from different clubs, professions, and personal journeys, but what unites them is a consistent and proven record of service and leadership. These are individuals who have quietly led impactful projects, mobilized clubs, nurtured future leaders, and stood at the frontlines of service—often long before titles and formal recognition followed.

**THIS YEAR, THEIR ROLE IS PIVOTAL.**

As the Executive Committee, or EXECOM, they are not only the Governor's primary counsel but also the backbone of the year's strategic implementation. From project alignment, district-wide coordination, mentoring of club leaders, to ensuring that the Rotary International priorities cascade smoothly to the grassroots—they are central to it all.

Their collective insight, grounded in years of field experience and guided by a shared devotion to Rotary's values, makes them the perfect stewards for this year's vision. Together with DG Gina, they will drive the district's direction—nurturing innovation, strengthening partnerships, and building on what has been achieved to bring District 3800 forward.

Behind every strong leader is a stronger team. And in the case of DG Gina T. Sanchez, the EXECOM is more than a team—they are her compass, her foundation, and her partners in purpose.

**THIS YEAR, THEY ARE PREPARED TO  
LEAD AND UNITED TO SERVE.**

# EXECUTIVE



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RC San Juan Del Monte



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Rotary Club of San Juan

# COMMITTEE



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**PP  
PILAR LEE**

District Chief of Staff  
Annual Fund Chair  
RC San Juan Del Monte



***Patience, persistence &  
perspiration make an unbeatable  
combination for success.***

***- Napoleon Hill***

# IT DIDN'T HAPPEN *OVERNIGHT*

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## *The Story Behind the Preparedness of Rotary District 3800*

It's easy to be swept away by the brilliance of a well-executed project or the seamless flow of a district-wide initiative. But behind every smooth launch, every meaningful partnership, every life changed — is a story of preparation, of long hours, of deliberate choices.

**Rotary District 3800 didn't just arrive ready — we became ready.**

The district's road to readiness wasn't paved in a single meeting or a flash of inspiration. It was a year-long journey — even longer for the core team — filled with planning sessions, strategy workshops, and tough but necessary questions. What do our clubs really need? What will empower our incoming presidents? How do we deliver bigger, better, more inclusive impact?

The answers weren't instant. They were shaped by listening — to the voices of Rotarians in the field, to our communities, and to the heartbeat of Rotary International's strategic goals. From there, a training design was built, not just to inform, but to transform — equipping leaders with the mindset, tools, and confidence to do more than manage their clubs. It prepared them to **move a district.**

This wasn't just preparation for the sake of readiness. This was intentional design, meant to create a ripple effect: stronger clubs, smarter collaborations, and more relevant solutions that speak to the needs of our time.

It's no accident that the theme for the year is "Unite for Good." Because this year, District 3800 rises not just with a plan — but with a united force of leaders who understand that the power of Rotary lies in collective action, innovative thinking, and shared purpose.



We have built partnerships across sectors. We are connecting with organizations beyond Rotary. We are aligning every initiative with the greater mission: to create hope, to make impact, to unite for good.

So when you see District 3800 in action this year — know that what you're witnessing isn't magic.

***IT'S THE RESULT OF VISION, COMMITMENT, AND THE KIND OF LEADERSHIP THAT DIDN'T HAPPEN OVERNIGHT.***



**DG GINA T. SANCHEZ**

# READY TO STEER ROTARY DISTRICT 3800

Rotary leadership demands more than titles—it calls for experience, heart, and vision. District Governor Gina T. Sanchez brings all three to the table as she takes the helm of Rotary District 3800 for Rotary Year 2025–2026.

Her readiness to lead is not accidental—it is the product of a lifetime of service, achievement, and purpose. A graduate with distinction from both the Philippine School of Business Administration and its Manila graduate school, DG Gina has built a successful career in finance, leadership, and governance, holding executive roles in both government and private sectors. Her professional journey reflects not only competence, but a deep sense of accountability, compassion, and action.

But what truly sets DG Gina apart is her Rotary journey—over three decades of active involvement and steadfast leadership. From being a Group Study Exchange Team Member to Club President of RC San Juan, to holding multiple high-impact roles including League Adviser, District Executive Committee Member, and Chair of the TRF Awards Committee, she has demonstrated her unwavering commitment to Rotary's ideals. Her numerous recognitions—including Most Outstanding President, Rotarian of the Year, and the TRF Meritorious Service Award—speak volumes of her impact.

With these, she enters the Governorship not only with experience but with a clear, inspired vision to Unite for Good. Her advocacy is built on deep roots of humility, community engagement, and faith—principles formed early in her upbringing in Obando, Bulacan.

DG Gina's journey is a powerful narrative of preparation and purpose. As a Major Donor Level 3 of The Rotary Foundation, a mother of three accomplished children, and the current President and CEO of AZ7 Ventures Corporation, she exemplifies balanced, value-driven leadership.

With Rotary District 3800 under her guidance, the path ahead is one of hope, unity, and sustainable impact. DG Gina Sanchez is not just ready—**she is right for the role.**





Strength  
in  
Unity



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Unit 7

# CREATIVITY IN *SERVICE*

*Lasting Impact  
Begins with  
Inspired Ideas*

## Fueling “Unite for Good” through Vision, Innovation, and Heart

If the Governor’s Monthly Letter serves as a blueprint for Rotary District 3800’s vision, then creativity is the force that gives that vision shape, color, and life. It is through imagination, innovation, and bold thinking that our projects grow from plans into movements—and from moments into lasting change.

In this Rotary Year, under the unifying theme Unite for Good, creativity takes on a deeper role. It becomes more than a tool for engagement—it becomes a bridge that connects people, amplifies voices, and redefines how service can be delivered in meaningful ways.

Across District 3800, Rotarians are proving that service doesn’t have to follow the same formula. From reimagined fundraisers to youth-led digital campaigns, creatively designed feeding programs, and visually compelling awareness drives—clubs are finding new ways to reach people, solve problems, and spark hope. These efforts go beyond what’s expected; they create what’s memorable.

Creativity allows us to speak a universal language—one that transcends barriers and invites people in. It opens up space for innovation in addressing social issues, for rethinking partnerships, and for designing inclusive solutions that respond to real community needs.

As we strive to Unite for Good, creative leadership becomes essential. It helps us not only work smarter but connect deeper. It allows us to lead with heart while staying open to new ideas, new voices, and new ways of making a difference.

Each issue of the Governor’s Monthly Letter celebrates this spirit of innovation. It highlights how creativity—when rooted in service—can shift perspectives, strengthen impact, and inspire action that outlives any single Rotary year. It reminds us that good ideas, when shared and nurtured, can become powerful agents of change.

And so, in a year where we are called to come together for a greater cause, may we also dare to think differently. To imagine boldly. To serve creatively.

# THE WRITTEN PASSION

**GML:** A Blueprint for Rotary District 3800's Vision in Action

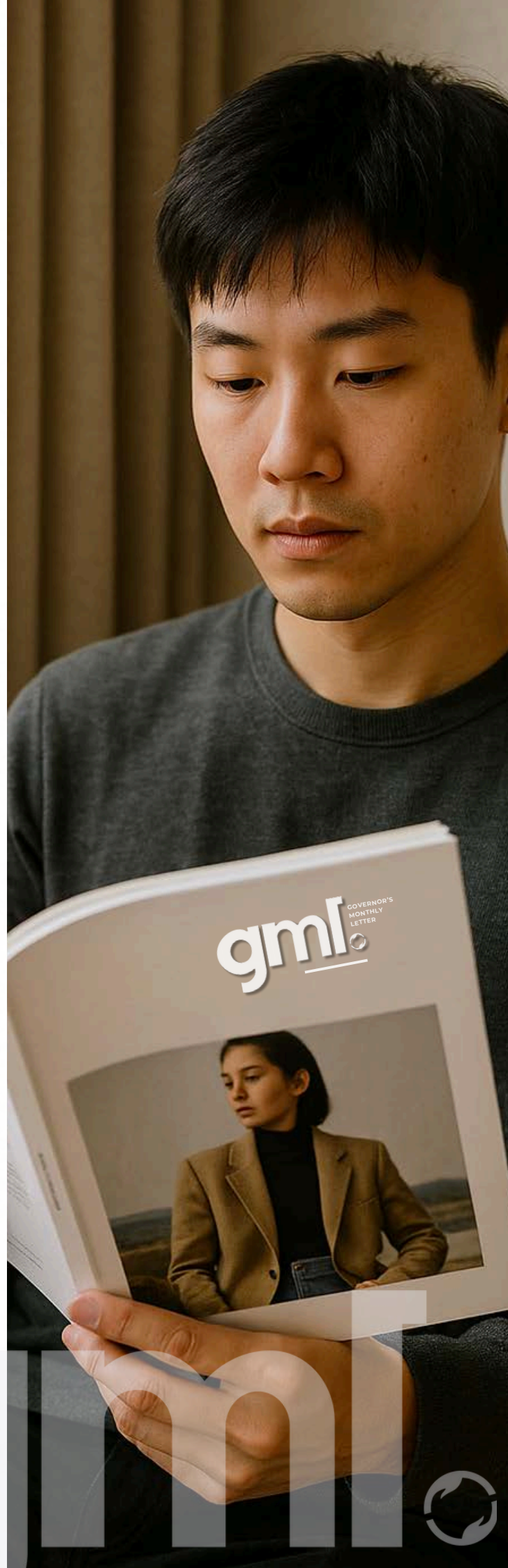
In every organization, there exists a platform where ideas are nurtured, milestones are celebrated, and stories of impact are brought to light. For Rotary District 3800, that platform takes the form of the **Governor's Monthly Letter (GML)**—a publication that goes beyond updates to reflect the district's heart, movement, and momentum.

More than a routine bulletin, the GML captures the essence of what it means to be a Rotarian today—where passion in service, vision for the future, and the creativity of our clubs converge into a dynamic narrative. Each issue acts as a blueprint, outlining not just what has been accomplished, but what's possible when collaboration and compassion take the lead.

## ***WHAT'S NEW WITH THE GML?***

With its refreshed format and deeper storytelling approach, this year's GML serves as a living document of Rotary District 3800's journey. It brings a stronger focus on service impact, transparency in leadership, and a unified platform for Rotarians to see themselves in the bigger picture.

It's no longer just your ordinary magazine, the kind we receive during special events or as a souvenir. This time, it's different. GML is your roadmap, your sneak peek into what lies ahead, and most importantly, it is our report, our accountability to each and every one of you.



# WHAT'S INSIDE

Packed with insightful features, inspiring stories, and important updates. Inside, you'll find highlights of fresh projects across clubs, real-life accounts of Rotarians in action during times of crisis, stunning visuals through Through the Rotary Lens, and heartwarming tributes in Hearts That Give.

As Rotary District 3800 moves forward with purpose and unity, the Governor's Monthly Letter stands as both mirror and map—a reflection of who we are, and a guide to where we're headed. It's more than just pages bound together—it's the pulse of our district, a shared record of progress, and a celebration of the power of service above self.

## ***FRESH PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS***

This section brings readers straight to the frontlines of Rotary service. From innovative community outreach programs to transformative club initiatives, each highlight showcases how the district's collective efforts are translating into real-world change. It is here that the synergy between planning and action becomes visible.

## ***CRISIS CHRONICLES: ROTARIANS IN ACTION***

When urgent situations arise, Rotary never stands still. Crisis Chronicles features compelling, real-life accounts of how Rotarians stepped up in the face of adversity—be it natural calamities, health emergencies, or community crises. These are not just stories; they are testaments to Rotary's unwavering presence in times of need.

## ***THROUGH THE ROTARY LENS***

With a picture worth a thousand words, this section offers a visual deep-dive into Rotary life through the talented eyes of the D3800 Photography Club. From moments of quiet service to large-scale events, these images capture the emotion, energy, and essence of our district.

## ***HEARTS THAT GIVE***

Philanthropy and service go hand in hand. This segment honors those whose generosity fuels the district's mission—individuals and groups who continue to give selflessly, reminding us that impact is often rooted in kindness and consistency.





# BE PART OF THE STORY THAT INSPIRES

**An Invitation to Rotarians and Project Partners**

The Governor's Monthly Letter (GML) is more than a publication—it's a celebration of service, leadership, and impact. This Rotary Year, we invite YOU to help us bring its pages to life.

Whether you're a passionate Rotarian or a proud Project Partner, your story matters—and the district wants to hear it.

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## ***SHARE YOUR ROTARY JOURNEY***

Tell us what moved you to serve. What project changed your perspective? What keeps your Rotary heart beating?

## ***GET FEATURED IN THE GML***

This is your platform. Showcase your business, organization, or advocacy—especially if it aligns with Rotary's causes and values. Let others know how you're making a difference in your own way.

## ***BUILD NEW CONNECTIONS***

Through the GML, your voice reaches over a thousand leaders, change-makers, and future collaborators in District 3800 and beyond. It's the perfect space to grow your network and strengthen your impact.



Let's unite for good—one story, one partnership, one issue at a time.

Connect with us at **3800gml@gmail.com**.

We'd love to feature your Rotary story, your business, or your community impact.

***BE PART OF THE GML MOVEMENT—WHERE SERVICE MEETS CREATIVITY.***



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